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Dear Candidate

18th December 2018

Re: Confirmation 2019

First, I want to welcome you to our Confirmation Programme 2019, which begins with registration on Thursday 3rd January at 19:00h at St Clare's, followed by liturgical enrolment at St Clare's Church on Sunday 6th January at 11:30h. Being part of this Confirmation Programme is a choice that you should have made for yourself, and as such you must also be committed to attending the sessions, and doing the assignments asked of you.

1. The programme will consist of several teaching sessions, and perhaps a day retreat followed by a Service of Reconciliation with Confession later in the year. You will be further advised about these nearer the time.
2. The teaching sessions will be held fortnightly on Thursday evenings at St Clare's from 19.00h to 20.00h during the school term.
3. It is important that you attend all classes and are punctual if you are to be prepared satisfactorily for the Sacrament of Confirmation.
4. Lack of attendance may result in you being asked to withdraw from the programme for this year. All absences should be made known to catechist+ beforehand by e-mail or by telephoning the catechist and leaving a message with explanation for absence. **After 3 absences from classes, your parent/guardian must make an appointment with Fr John to review the situation.** Please keep the Class dates readily available at home on a pin board or transfer them to your home diary or calendar so that there is no excuse for forgetting a class.
5. The Confirmation ceremony will be held on Tuesday 16th July at 19:30h at St Clare's Church with a rehearsal the previous Sunday 14th July at 15:00h.

For the first session of teaching on January 10th could you please assemble in St Joseph's parish hall promptly at 19:00h and have with you a pen and jotter to write with. At the end of this class and subsequent classes, you must wait in the church if you are to be picked up. This is part of our Health and Safety programme.

Other things to do:

- Say your Confirmation prayer daily.
- Attend Mass in your parish church every Sunday as part of your preparation for Confirmation.
- Start thinking about a Confirmation name that has a Christian meaning.
- Any assignments given by the catechists should be completed and returned on time.

Should you have any worries or problems with anything associated with the course, then do speak to a catechist.

Yours in Jesus Christ

Fr. John P Beirne

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